



## **Internet Safety Policy for TEACH Public Schools**

### **Introduction**

It is the policy of TEACH Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

### **Our Mission**

The mission of TEACH Public Schools is to create a high quality, innovative teaching and learning environment that focuses on literacy; integrating state-of-the-art technologies across the core curriculum to achieve academic proficiency for all students.

### **Our Vision**

TEACH Public Schools will reach students of all backgrounds by teaching the entire child which includes the social, physical, emotional and intellectual needs of the student. Upon graduation, the knowledge and the experiences acquired at our schools will be effectively applied to their daily life.

### **Definitions**

Key terms are as defined in the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

### **Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

## **Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the TEACH Public Schools online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

## **Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the TEACH Public Schools staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Executive Director, Superintendent and/or Chief Operating Officer or designated representatives.

The Executive Director, Superintendent and/or Chief Operating Officer or designated representatives will provide age- appropriate training for students who use the TEACH's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the TEACH's commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the TEACH's Internet Safety Policy;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
  - i. safety on the Internet;
  - ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
  - iii. cyberbullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the TEACH Public Schools' acceptable use policies.

## **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of TEACH Public Schools at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on December 11, 2019